# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2016-176-C

|   | IN RE  | <i>:</i>  |  |  |
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| Application of Mobilitie Management, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Authority to Provide Facilities Based and Resold Local Exchange Service and for Flexible Regulation of its Local Exchange Services |  | or a Certificate of Public onience and Necessity for ority to Provide Facilities Based esold Local Exchange Service and exible Regulation of its Local  DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CHRIS GLASS |  |  |
|   | Q.   | Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.   |  |  |
|   | A. My name is Chris Glass. I am Vice President of Network Strategy for Mobilitie |   |  |  |
|   |  | Management, LLC ("Mobilitie Management" or "Applicant"). I oversee all of Mobilitie   |  |  |
|   |  | Management's Distributed Antenna System networks.   |  |  |
| Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR BACKGROUND, INCLUDING   |  | PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR BACKGROUND, INCLUDING  |  |  |
|   |  | EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCES.   |  |  |
|   | A.   | I have over twelve years of site development and project management experience in the   |  |  |
|   |  | wireless industry. Most recently, I was the Network Deployment Project Manager for  |  |  |
| Clearwire, responsible for the deployment of their 4G WiMax network in Los Ange   |  |   |  |  |
|   |  | Prior to Clearwire, I spent nearly ten years at Sprint Nextel in various network  |  |  |
|   |  | deployment roles, most recently serving as the Strategic Sites Manager for the West   |  |  |
|   |  | Region. In my role as Strategic Sites Manager, I oversaw the deployment of numerous   |  |  |
|   |  | in-building and outdoor distributed antenna systems ("DAS") for Sprint Nextel, including  |  |  |
|   |  | stadiums, convention centers, casinos and shopping malls. I graduated <i>cum laude</i> from   |  |  |

| 1  |    | the University of California, Irvine. I have a JD (cum laude) from Vermont Law School    |  |
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| 2  |    | and I am licensed to practice law in the State of California.                            |  |
| 3  | Q. | HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS COMMISSION?                                    |  |
| 4  | A. | No, I have not.  |  |
| 5  | Q. | ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE APPLICATION FILED BY MOBILITIE                                 |  |
| 6  |    | MANAGEMENT?  |  |
| 7  | A. | Yes. I assisted in the preparation of the Application.                                   |  |
| 8  | Q. | WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?   |  |
| 9  | A. | The purpose of my testimony is to describe the technical, managerial, and financial      |  |
| 10 |    | fitness of Mobilitie Management to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange    |  |
| 11 |    | telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. This testimony will also |  |
| 12 |    | describe the service to be provided by Mobilitie Management. Finally, my testimony will  |  |
| 13 |    | show that the public interest will be served by the approval of Mobilitie Management's   |  |
| 14 |    | Application.   |  |
| 15 | Q. | ARE ALL OF THE STATEMENTS IN MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT'S                                      |  |
| 16 |    | APPLICATION CORRECT AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF YOUR   |  |
| 17 |    | KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF?   |  |
| 18 | A. | Yes.   |  |
| 19 | Q. | DO YOU WISH TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE ANY DOCUMENTS                                    |  |
| 20 |    | INTO THIS TESTIMONY?   |  |
| 21 | A. | Yes. I wish to incorporate, by reference, Mobilitie Management's underlying              |  |
| 22 |    | Application filed in this proceeding and its associated exhibits.                        |  |

| 1  | Q.        | DO YOU RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE STATEMENTS AND  |  |
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| 2  |           | REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN THAT APPLICATION AND ALL EXHIBITS                             |  |
| 3  |           | THERETO?  |  |
| 4  | A.        | Yes.  |  |
| 5  | Q.        | HAS APPLICANT REGISTERED TO DO BUSINESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA?                            |  |
| 6  | A.        | Yes. Mobilitie Management received foreign corporation authority in South Carolina on |  |
| 7  |           | February 1, 2016. A copy was attached as <b>Exhibit A</b> to the Application.         |  |
| 8  | Q.        | HAS ANYTHING OCCURRED SINCE MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT FILED ITS                            |  |
| 9  |           | APPLICATION THAT MATERIALLY CHANGES THE REPRESENTATIONS                               |  |
| 10 |           | THEREIN?  |  |
| 11 | A.        | Yes, since Mobilitie Management filed its Application, the company has supplemented   |  |
| 12 |           | its designated officers. Accordingly, in addition to the President, Christos Karmis,  |  |
| 13 |           | Mobilitie Management currently has the following officers:                            |  |
| 14 |           | Gary Jabara, Chief Executive Officer  |  |
| 15 |           | • Dana Tardelli, Executive Vice President – Wireless Solutions                        |  |
| 16 |           | Mobilitie Management will provide the Commission with the resumes of Mr. Jabara and   |  |
| 17 |           | Mr. Tardelli as soon as possible.   |  |
| 18 | Q.        | DESCRIBE THE AUTHORITY THAT MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT SEEKS BY                             |  |
| 19 |           | ITS APPLICATION.  |  |
| 20 | A.        | Mobilitie Management seeks authority to provide facilities-based and resold local     |  |
| 21 |           | exchange telecommunications services to customers throughout the State of South       |  |
| 22 | Carolina. |   |  |

| 1  | Q. | DESCRIBE THE SERVICES MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT PROPOSES TO                                     |
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| 2  |    | OFFER IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.  |
| 3  | A. | Applicant will provide telecommunications service to a small number of customers,          |
| 4  |    | including: wireless carriers and other service providers, the hospitality industry, large- |
| 5  |    | scale sports and entertainment venues, college campuses, self-driving vehicle providers,   |
| 6  |    | remote weather monitoring stations, rural communities, and healthcare facilities.          |
| 7  |    | Applicant will offer transport, backhaul, and broadband data services and voice and data   |
| 8  |    | services as well as other infrastructure used by carriers, emergency responders, public    |
| 9  |    | safety agencies, backhaul providers, and other companies. Services will be provided        |
| 10 |    | using a combination of fixed lines and microwave links to ensure resiliency.               |
| 11 | Q. | DOES MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT PROPOSE TO OFFER   |
| 12 |    | TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND  |
| 13 |    | BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS?   |
| 14 | A. | Mobilitie Management markets its services primarily to enterprise, governmental, and       |
| 15 |    | other business customers. The flexibility, scalability, and functionality of Mobilitie     |
| 16 |    | Management's services provide the greatest advantages for non-residential users.           |
| 17 |    | Accordingly, Mobilitie Management will not provide retail residential local exchange       |
| 18 |    | services in the State of South Carolina. Accordingly, the bond/security mechanism          |
| 19 |    | requirements of Commission Rule 103-607 are not applicable to Mobilitie Management.        |
| 20 |    | In the event that Mobilite Management intends to provide retail residential local          |
| 21 |    | exchange services, Mobilitie Management will address the requirements of Commission        |
| 22 |    | Rule 103-607.  |

| 1  | Q. | DO THE PRINCIPALS AND EMPLOYEES OF MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT                                     |
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| 2  |    | HAVE PREVIOUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE?  |
| 3  | A. | Yes. In addition to my background provided earlier, Mr. Karmis' resume was provided         |
| 4  |    | as <b>Exhibit</b> C of the Application. Additionally, as stated above, the resumes of other |
| 5  |    | recently-added officers of Mobilitie Management will be provided to the Commission as       |
| 6  |    | soon as possible. Accordingly, these resumes will demonstrate that each officer of          |
| 7  |    | Mobilitie Management has extensive experience in providing telecommunications               |
| 8  |    | services.   |
| 9  | Q. | PLEASE DESCRIBE MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL  |
| 10 |    | QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN                                    |
| 11 |    | SOUTH CAROLINA.   |
| 12 | A. | As set forth in the financial statements found at Confidential Exhibit B to the             |
| 13 |    | Application, Mobilitie Management has access to sufficient capital to provide               |
| 14 |    | telecommunications services in South Carolina. This capital, along with the expected        |
| 15 |    | revenues of Mobilitie Management, will be available to meet future capital needs of         |
| 16 |    | Mobilitie Management's South Carolina operations.   |
| 17 | Q. | HOW DOES APPLICANT BILL FOR ITS SERVICES?   |
| 18 | A. | Mobilitie Management will bill customers directly. Mobilitie Management will bill           |
| 19 |    | customers on a monthly basis for recurring monthly charges for the services provided.       |
| 20 |    | Non-recurring charges will be billed in the first billing cycle following completion of the |
| 21 |    | work that generated the charge, or as agreed to by the customer. The billing statement      |
| 22 |    | will contain details of usage and applicable fees, including any state, local, and federal  |
| 23 |    | taxes, and any applicable universal service charges.  |

#### Q. HOW ARE TROUBLE REPORTS AND CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

#### 2 HANDLED?

A. Mobilitie Management will maintain a toll-free number (877-999-7070), and an email address (solutions@mobilitie.com), for customer complaints and inquiries, which will be staffed during Mobilitie Management's normal business hours. After-hours complaints and inquiries will be forwarded to a voicemail system, and will be handled on the next business day. Inquiries regarding service or billing may also be made in writing. To the extent that a customer complaint cannot be resolved by the customer service staff, the complaint will be elevated to a supervisor. A managerial level employee will supervise the resolution of such elevated complaints.

#### Q. DOES MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT HAVE OFFICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA?

12 A. No, Mobilitie Management does not intend to have offices in South Carolina at this time.

13 Accordingly, Mobilitie Management requests, pursuant to Rule 103-610, that the

14 Commission allow it to keep all applicable books and records at its offices in California.

15 In the event that the Commission Staff or ORS should desire to inspect such books and

16 records, Mobilitie Management will provide access expeditiously at its own expense.

#### Q. HOW WILL MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT MARKET ITS SERVICES?

A. Mobilitie Management intends to solicit customers for its telecommunications services from its existing customer base, and through business-to-business marketing (*e.g.*, professional trade shows). All information regarding such services, including the applicable rates, terms, and conditions, can be found on Mobilitie Management's website: <a href="https://www.mobilitie.com">www.mobilitie.com</a>.

| 1  | Q. | HAS MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT OBTAINED AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE                                     |  |
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| 2  |    | ITS SERVICES IN ANY OTHER STATES?  |  |
| 3  | A. | Yes. Mobilitie Management is presently authorized or registered to provide local           |  |
| 4  |    | exchange telecommunications services in the following jurisdictions: the District of       |  |
| 5  |    | Columbia, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Texas,           |  |
| 6  |    | Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.   |  |
| 7  | Q. | PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED TARIFF FILED BY MOBILITIE                                     |  |
| 8  |    | MANAGEMENT.  |  |
| 9  | A. | Mobilitie Management filed as <b>Exhibit D</b> to the Application its proposed competitive |  |
| 10 |    | local exchange telecommunications tariff. That tariff contains the applicable rules and    |  |
| 11 |    | regulations for the provision of such services. I believe that Mobilitie Management's      |  |
| 12 |    | tariffs will comport with all applicable Commission Rules and Orders, and Mobilitie        |  |
| 13 |    | Management agrees to make all changes suggested by the ORS that may be necessary to        |  |
| 14 |    | comply with applicable authority.  |  |
| 15 | Q. | WILL GRANTING MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT A CERTIFICATE SERVE                                     |  |
| 16 |    | THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONSUMERS?   |  |
| 17 | A. | Yes. A decision by the Commission to grant Mobilitie Management authority to provide       |  |
| 18 |    | competitive local exchange telecommunications service is in the best interest. The public  |  |
| 19 |    | interest will be served by expanding the availability of competitive telecommunications    |  |
| 20 |    | services and enhanced telecommunications infrastructure in the State of South Carolina,    |  |
| 21 |    | thereby facilitating economic development. Authorizing Mobilitie Management to enter       |  |
| 22 |    | the telecommunications services market will increase the competitive choices available,    |  |

| 1   |    | and in turn create incentives for all carriers to lower prices, provide new and better   |  |  |
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| 2   |    | quality services, and be more responsive to customer issues and demands.   |  |  |
| 3   | Q. | WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT'S  |  |  |
| 4   |    | OPERATIONS AND WILL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S/ORS'S  |  |  |
| 5   |    | REGULATORY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CONTACT?   |  |  |
| 6   | A. | As stated in the Application, all ongoing compliance matters should be directed to   |  |  |
| 7<br>8<br>9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14 |    | Ethan Rogers, Senior Counsel Mobilitie, LLC 2220 University Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660 Telephone: (949) 999-5767 Fax: (949) 274-7556 Email: ethan@mobilitie.com |  |  |
| 15  | Q. | WILL MOBILITIE MANAGEMENT COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE   |  |  |
| 16  |    | APPLICABLE RULES, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE  |  |  |
| 17  |    | COMMISSION?  |  |  |
| 18  | A. | Yes.   |  |  |
| 19  | Q. | DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?   |  |  |
| 20  | A. | Yes.   |  |  |
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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day the **Direct Testimony of Chris Glass** via electronic mail service as follows:

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